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REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1-6, 8-15, 17-22, and 24-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 11, 28, and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent Number 5,964,787 to Kerver et al.

In the Office Action, claims 10 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent Number 5,964,787 to Kerver et al.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 20, 28, and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent Number 5,620,464 to Kroll.

In the Office Action, claims 2-6, 10-15, 19, 21, 22, 24, 25, and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent Number 5,620,464 to Kroll.

In the Office Action, claims 7 and 16 are allowed over the prior art of record.

In response thereto, claims 1, 3-6, 11-15, 20-22, 24, 25, and 30 have been cancelled and claims 2, 10, 19, 26, and 27-29 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 2, 7-10, 16-19, and 26-29 are now pending. Following is a discussion of the patentability of each of the pending claims.

Independent Claims 7 and 16

Claims 7 and 16 are allowed over the prior art of record.

Independent Claim 26

In the Office Action, claim 26 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. In response thereto, on line 11, "in the microfarad range of about" has been replaced with —on the order of—. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 26 is in condition for allowance.

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Dependent Claims 2, 8-10, and 28

Claims 2, 8-10, and 28 depend from claim 26 and are similarly patentable. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are in condition for allowance.

Independent Claim 27

In the Office Action, claim 27 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. In response thereto, on line 9, "in the microfarad range of about" has been replaced with —on the order of—. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are in condition for allowance.

Dependent Claims 17-19 and 29

Claims 17-19 and 29 depend from claim 27 and are similarly patentable. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are in condition for allowance.

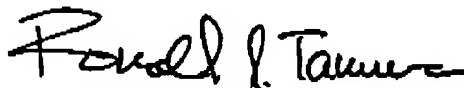
CONCLUSION

In light of the above claim amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice of allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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